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City of Fremont Budget Hearings to Be Held in June

The City's proposed operating budget for the next fiscal year, running from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, will be presented to the City Council at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on May 21 at 7 p.m. The first public hearing to comment will be held on June 4, and the second hearing and adoption is on June 11. Both public hearings are part of the Council meeting and will begin at 7 p.m.



City of Fremont to Receive Urban & Community Forestry Proposition 68 Grant Funds

The City of Fremont is pleased to announce that it's one of the recipients of this year's Urban & Community Forestry Proposition 68 grants in the amount of \$860,000 from California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). Together with a local matching amount of \$340,000, the total project amount of \$1.2 million will allow the City to undertake the following:

- Establish Fremont's first Urban Forestry Master Plan for all trees in streets and parks, including a 40-year plan horizon for planning the creation of a healthy and expanded urban forest
- In the next two years, plant 250 new trees, of which 84 of them will be in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in Fremont
- Conduct a thorough inventory and assessment of over 70,000 public trees
- Establish an education and outreach program to teach property owners the value and benefits of trees, and how to care for and manage their trees
- Hold training programs for tree contractors doing business in Fremont to ensure trees are getting the best care and to promote healthy, long-lived trees



- Establish a community Tree Advisory Committee to help bring awareness and to promote the urban forest, help communicate values and benefits of trees to a diverse population, and to assist with tree disputes and appeals

Count on many new activities in the coming years around trees, the urban forest, and the expansion of one of Fremont's most precious assets. Tree program updates will be available at www.Fremont.gov/Trees.

Recognition Granted for Fremont's School Transportation Safety Initiatives

The City of Fremont's work to improve school transportation safety was recently recognized in the category of Transportation Planning by the Northern California Section of the American Planning Association, the nation's largest professional organization of urban planners.

In partnership with the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD), the City conducted safety assessments at all of Fremont's 42 public schools. Representatives from FUSD, Public Works, and the Police Department, as well as school administrators, parents, and students, worked together to develop safety recommendations by examining access and circulation routes at each school.



The City has subsequently worked to implement short-term recommendations, including improved signage and striping, at all schools over a two-year period.

Annual Kids 'n' Kites Festival

Free Kites to First 4,000 Children

The City of Fremont Community Services Department, Recreation Services is holding its annual Kids 'n' Kites Festival on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Fremont Bank, Washington Township Medical Foundation, and Unitek, the event is located within Central Park next to the Performance Pavilion. This festival is free to the public and includes free kites to the first 4,000 children in attendance. There will be live entertainment on the main stage, interactive booths highlighting summer activities, a play area for the kids, food, and more. The festival has something fun for everyone!



This community event is a great way to spend the day with family, learn about City of Fremont programs, and meet a variety of community groups. Take in all that Central Park has to offer, the

festival, Aqua Adventure Waterpark, and Lake Elizabeth. Check out the interactive event map for directions, turn restrictions, and booth layout at www.Fremont.gov/KiteMap.

For more information about the Kids 'n' Kites Festival, visit www.Fremont.gov/KiteFestival or call 510-494-4300.

Fremont Street Eats is Back

Head over to Downtown Fremont this summer for another season of Fremont Street Eats!

In partnership with the Food Truck Mafia, the Fremont Chamber of Commerce will be hosting new food trucks every Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting May 3 through October 25 at the Town Fair Plaza located at 39100 State St. Visitors can also enjoy live entertainment, weekly drawings and prizes, wine, and new beer selections every month.



Join us on May 17 for the Fremont Street Eats First Bite Ceremony! For additional information, please visit www.FremontStreetEats.com.

Indiaworld: Images of the Global Indian Diaspora by Preston Merchant at the Olive Hyde Art Gallery

Exhibition Dates: May 17 through June 15, 2019

Opening Reception: Friday, May 17, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Olive Hyde Art Gallery's upcoming exhibit, Indiaworld: Images of the Global Indian Diaspora, presents photographer Preston Merchant's 20-year journey through the communities that trace their lineage to India. In dozens of countries, including the United Kingdom, Canada, the United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Trinidad, Malaysia, and the United States, Merchant explores the ways in which the experience of migration—sometimes recent, sometimes in the distant past—affects the lives of everyday people. Diaspora Indians feel the strong pull of an Indian identity, but those ties do not prevent them from creating a culture of their own. Numbering some 30 million, the Indian diaspora has been called one of the most successful migrations in human history. It continues to shape the many countries where it is a significant community and to affect the future of India itself.

The Olive Hyde Art Gallery is located at 123 Washington Blvd. (at the corner of Mission Boulevard). Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. during the exhibition run. For more information during gallery hours please call 510-494-4357.

Photo Credit: Preston Merchant

Sikh Appreciation Night - Sacramento, California: A drummer performs for Sikh Appreciation Night at the Sacramento Kings NBA game.



Alameda Ramlila - Pleasanton, California: Kids participate in a Hindu pageant as part of the annual Diwali celebration at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.



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